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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated October 18, 2007, concerning the above-referenced patent application. This response is timely filed within three months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action, *i.e.*, on or before January 18, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

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